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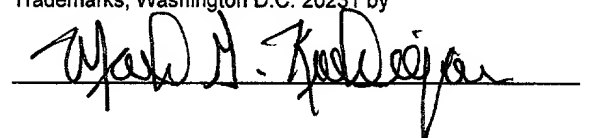
Enclosed please find a patent application on the above, and the following documents:

1. Declaration and Power of Attorney for Dwijen Banerjee
2. Applicant does not claim small entity status under 37 CFR 1.27.
3. One copy of drawings (2 sheets)
4. Form PTO-1449 and copies of cited references
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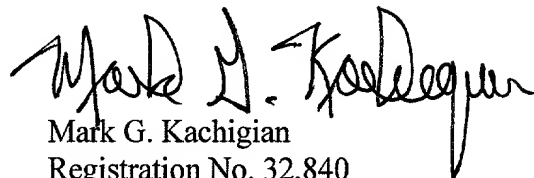
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The application contains 18 claims with 2 independent claims.

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